

State South Carolina

## METHODS OF PROVIDER TRANSPORTATION

- A. The State agency assures that necessary transportation of recipients to and from providers of medical services, will be provided for covered Medicaid (Title XIX) sponsored benefits. If transportation is not available without charge, the methods that will be used are the following: Any appropriate means of transportation through relatives, volunteer organizations, or public services such as the Fire Department or Police Ambulance, will be used. If none are available, as documented by the County Director, payment will be made for the least expensive means of transportation suitable to the recipient's medical needs and the physical condition of the recipient, on the basis of an individual case.

The State Health and Human Services Finance Commission (SHHSFC) has effected contracts with transportation contractors to provide transportation for Medicaid recipients. Priority is to be given to the EPSDT program; however, this does not preclude other eligible recipients from utilizing this transportation to and from providers of Medical or Dental Services.

- B. Ambulance Services - Providers of ambulance service will transport Medicaid eligible clients based on the medical necessity for such service. No prior authorization is required unless a client is transported out of the service area. Claims for such service will be submitted by the provider to SHHSFC for payment. The department has established procedures which are published in a Provider Manual for furnishing ambulance services.
- C. Taxi Service - SHHSFC has effected contracts with para-transit (Taxicab) operations to provide transportation for Medicaid recipients. These contractual relationships are predicated on an established fixed-rate reimbursement methodology utilizing a payment ceiling. Para-transit operations must adhere to established SHHSFC transportation policy.

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